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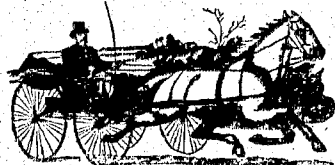


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Grayling, Mich., Nov. 30, Editor of the Avalanche.

Dear Sir—About a year ago a building was erected in Grayling for the purpose of helping young people and to spend their leisure time in a good way. This building was fitted up as a gymnasium and in the large basement there was provided space for a reading and assembly room (later to come) and dressing rooms. It is the desire of the society who built this to make this a recreation center for young people, children and everyone interested in the welfare of a better generation. Therefore, you are asked to give the work your support by encouraging your children and young folks to spend their leisure time—out of home—at that place.

Instinct of play is a God given instinct, and you will, by close observation, find that the children who can not play are not as happy as those who can. Play is not a luxury but a necessity. It is not something the child likes to have but it is something he must have if he is ever to grow up. You may say, "Play! Why, every child plays. That's all they do." But, you often scold your children for playing, when they went wrong. You do not object to play when it does not interfere with your feeling. Whenever a boy or girl does something wrong, they do it because they must find some way for expression. A boy always has a certain amount of steam and if you do not give him a track and engine, he will go wrong some day.

To direct play so that it leads to manhood and womanhood, we must have supervised play and that is what I am trying to give all children, who attend the gymnasium here in Grayling. It is my wish that you will give this work your support by sending your children the coming year. You are helping your children to be stronger physically and stronger in character.

If you approve of this work and want to help in a cause that means a better generation, encourage your children in the age of 8 to 12 to attend the classes for children on Saturday afternoons at 3:30. Membership is \$2.00 for six months, regardless of how many children are sent from the same family. Yours very truly,

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### Armenian Atrocities Committee.

For many years countless atrocities have been committed in Armenia, with the result that the phrase "Armenian Atrocities" has unhappily become a household word.

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Men are being tortured, women and girls are being outraged, and little children are dying every hour of cold and hunger.

In response to the urgent appeal of our Ambassador in Constantinople this Committee is trying to raise money to save these unfortunate innocent victims, and a prompt response will enable many lives to be saved.

Donations should be sent without delay to Charles R. Crane, Treasurer, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York.

### Sale Indorsed By Governor Ferris.

Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris has endorsed the work which the Michigan Anti-Tuberculosis Association is doing in the sale of seals this year. In a personal letter to the Secretary, Gov. Ferris stated: "The Secretary of the State Board of Health informs me that through the sale of seals you are doing a splendid work. I say, go ahead in aiding the work that is going on through the Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign. The Red Cross Christmas Seal is a thing of beauty and carries with it a sentiment that is inspiring and encouraging. My declaration is, 'go ahead.'"

These seals may be obtained in Grayling by applying to any of the Boy Scouts or at several of our local business places.

### Election of Officers.

The Ladies National league elected their officers Thursday evening, Dec. 2nd.

Pres.—Myrtle Corwin.  
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2nd Vice Pres.—Prudence Marshall.  
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Ass't Marshall—Minnie Dubey.  
Sentinel—Josephine Walker.  
Picket—Anna Horan.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors, and the Foresters and Maccabee lodges for their aid and kindness to us during our recent bereavement.

WALTER WINSLOW AND DAUGHTER, MR. AND MRS. L. W. COLTER.

### Correspondence

#### Frederic School Notes.

We defeated Gaylord at basket ball Friday night. Score 14 to 45.

The big fire last week was close to the school house, but the fact that everything was covered with snow probably saved the building.

Plans for a Christmas entertainment are under full sway. Misses Cameron, Stinton and Malco have charge. The entertainment will be held Christmas Eve at the Opera house.

A return game of basket ball with Gaylord will be played next Friday.

Supt. Wood has moved into the Forbush home, on account of the fire burning the Commercial hotel.

Beatrice Dischaw has moved to Grayling. We are sorry to have her leave.

Miss Libbie Malco, teacher of the Primary grades, has moved back to her home and drives in now.

Erma Johnson and Dora Morency have been absent from the High school for about a week on account of sickness.

The Literary society will have a program next Monday night. A fine program is assured and everyone is welcome.

#### Lovells.

E. H. Parker, who has been working in the shingle mill at Michelson for the past six weeks returned home Friday morning.

C. P. Michelson returned to his home in Mason Wednesday.

C. W. Keuhl of Saginaw is spending a few days at the farm.

Jack Redhead was a Lovells caller Saturday.

T. E. Douglas went to Grayling Monday with his car and it looks now as if it would be the last trip he would make until spring.

Lewis Bills shipped a car load of Christmas trees to Detroit Monday.

W. E. Husted of West Branch spent Sunday with his daughters, Mrs. T. E. Douglas and Mrs. C. Stillwagon.

T. E. Douglas, daughter, Margaret and son, Edgar returned from Detroit Wednesday morning.

Ira Johnson of Vanderbilt spent Sunday with his wife and babe and other relatives.

Arthur, Everett and Eugene Buchanan of Red Oak were in Lovells Tuesday. Everett and Eugene left the same day for Detroit.

C. W. Crawford and Henry Crawford were in town on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Owen.

Mrs. E. McCormick and Joan Kennedy came home Thursday accompanied by Mrs. Ira Johnson and baby Irene who will remain here with relatives until after the holidays.

Thirteen ladies met at the home of Mrs. Stillwagon last Thursday afternoon and organized a sewing circle. Mrs. Stillwagon was elected president and Mrs. Carl Lyntz secretary and treasurer. A pleasant afternoon was spent by all present. The ladies meet this Thursday with Mrs. J. Douglas.

#### Riverview.

Miss Della Wilcott has started a grocery in Riverview.

Mrs. Wm. Bromwell went to Sigma on business Monday.

J. M. Grover went to Gladwin on business for a few days.

Jim Stephen went to Rowley one day this week.

Miss May McCarty of Sigma visited at the hotel Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Looper and Miss Jetta Grover attended the show in Grayling Friday night.

Miss Vivian Bromwell and Miss Jennie White went to Grayling Friday returning Saturday.

Our bachelors are changing their quarters considerably lately.

The dance at the hotel Saturday night was well attended and a very enjoyable time was reported by all.

Chas. Stephen and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcott are on the sick list.

Our teacher is drilling the children for an entertainment Christmas.

#### NOTICE.

To the people of the Village of Grayling:

You are hereby notified that hereafter you are to refrain from depositing ashes in the streets of said Village. Such an act will be deemed a violation of the village ordinance, pertaining to the obstruction of streets, and proceedings will be taken thereunder. Glen Smith, Village Attorney. By order of the Village Council.



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# THE BATTLE CRY

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## SYNOPSIS.

Juanita Holland, a Philadelphia young woman of wealth, on her journey with her guide, Good Anne Talbot, into the heart of the Cumberland mountains, faints at the door of Fletch McNash's cabin. While resting there she overhears a talk between Bad Anne Hay, chief of his clan, and one of his henchmen that is quite at variance with the friendly feeling that she has with the Hay-McBriar feud. Juanita has an unprofitable talk with Bad Anne and they agree that she will stay in the cabin for the night. In the morning she hears Fletch McNash ride past the cabin. Juanita and Bad Anne are friends. Cal Douglas is acquitted. Nan Wyatt attempts to kill him but is himself killed by the Hay-McBriar feud. Juanita goes to live with the Widow Everson, whose boys are outside the feud. Milt McBriar, head of his clan, meets Bad Anne there and disclaims responsibility for Wyatt's attempt to kill Douglas. They declare a truce, under present conditions. Milt McBriar breaks the truce by having Fletch McNash murdered. Fletch McNash begs Bad Anne to tell him who killed his father but is not told. Juanita and Bad Anne further misunderstand each other. Bad Anne is bitter but tells Juanita she does not fight women and will give her land if necessary. Juanita gets her land. Milt is the murderer. Young Milt and Nan meet several times, resulting in a demand from Bad Anne that Juanita leave Juanita's cabin. Juanita and Good Anne go to see Bad Anne, who again says that the school will fall because it has been started by Juanita in the wrong way. Juanita begins to understand Bad Anne's dream of regeneration for his people.

## CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

Again Jeb's face had become ashen and his muscles were twitching. Anne laid a hand on his shoulder, but the boy jerked away and again confronted his elder, while his voice broke from his lips in an excess of passion. "Tell me his name. By God, he belongs to me!"

"No, I ain't got to tell you his name just yet, Jeb," Anne calmly announced. "He ain't in these parts now. He's left the mountains, an' it wouldn't do ye much good to know his name—yet. Two days after he comes back I'll tell ye all ye wants to know, an' I won't try to hinder ye, but ye must let the children stay over there at the school. Dawn's heart's set on it, an' it wouldn't be fair to break her heart."

The boy stood trembling in wrath and indecision. Finally his voice came dubiously. "Ye done give me yore hand once before that as soon as ye knowed ye'd tell me—an' ye lied to me."

Anne Hay shook his head with unruffled patience.

"No, I didn't lie to ye, son. I wasn't sure till after he left. I ain't never lied to no man."

A long silence fell on the room. Through the open window came the silvery call of a quail in some distant thicket. After a while the boy raised his head and nodded. "I'll give ye my hand," he said.

When he left the room Juanita rose from her chair.

"There is no way to thank you, Mr. Hay," she said with a touch of diffidence. "I don't believe that two wrongs ever made one right. I don't believe that you can win out to law by lawlessness. But I do believe you are sincere, and I know that you're a man."

"And, for my part," he answered slowly. "I think ye're just tryin' to grow an oak tree in a flower pot, an' it can't be done. I think that all ye can do is to breed discontent—an' in these hills discontent is dangerous. But I ain't hinderin' your school an' I don't low to. Ye'll find out for your self that it's a failure an' quit at your own behest."

"I shan't quit," she assured him, but this time she smiled as she said it. "I am going ahead, and in the end I am going to undermine the regime of feud and filletary; that is, I and others like me. But can't we fight the thing out as if it were a clean game? Can't we be friendly adversaries? You've been very generous, and I've been a bigoted little fool, but can't you forgive me and be friends?"

He straightened and his face hardened again, and slowly he shook his head. His voice was very grave and uncompromising, though without discourtesy. "I'm afraid it's a little too late for that."

Juanita slowly drew back the hand she had extended, and her cheeks flushed crimson. It was the first time in her life that she had made an unsolicited proffer of friendship—and it had been refused.

"Oh!" she murmured in a dazed, hurt voice in which was no anger. Then she smiled. "Then there's nothing else to say, except to thank you a thousand times."

"Ye needn't have no uneasiness about my tryin' to hinder ye," he assured her slowly. "I ain't your enemy an' I ain't your friend. I'm just lookin' on, an' I don't have no faith in your success."

"Don't you feel that changes must come?" she questioned a little timidly. "They have come everywhere else."

"They will come," his voice again rose vehemently. "But they'll be made my way—not yours. These hills shan't always be a reproach to the state of Kentucky. They're goin' to be a pride some day."

"That's all!" exclaimed the girl,



"Tell Me His Name. By God, He Belongs to Me!"

Just now Dawn is thinking of herself as a Hay and of you as a McBriar. All I ask is that you won't try to see her while she's here at the school—not at all events, until things are different."

The boy was wrestling with youth's unwillingness to be coerced.

"An' let Dawn think that her brother eekered me off?" he questioned at last with a note of rising defiance. "Dawn shan't think that. She shall know that you have acted with a gentleman's generosity, Milt—and because I've asked you to do it."

"Hain't I good enough to keep company with Fletch McNash's girl?" The lad was already persuaded, but his stubbornness fired this parting shot.

"It's not a question of that, Milt, and you know it," declared Juanita. "It's just that one of your people killed one of his. Put yourself in Jeb's place."

Still for a while the boy stood there scowling down at the ground, but at last he raised his face and nodded.

"It's a bargain, ma'am, but mind I only say I won't see her hyar. Some day I'll make Jeb pay for it."

He mounted and rode away while the very, very sweetness of the smoke

mists hung splendidly to the ridges and the sunset flamed at his back.

Juanita never knew what details of the incident came to Old Milt's ears. But when next the head of the house passed her on the road he spoke with a diminished cordiality, and when she stopped him he commented: "I hear ye're a-runnin' a Hay school over there now. Little Milt tells me ye warned him often yore place."

She tried to explain, and though he pretended to accept all she said in good humor, she knew in her heart she had made a powerful and bitter enemy.

One afternoon Anne Hay, wandering through the timber on his own side of the ridge, came upon a lone hunter, and when he drew near it proved to be young Milt McBriar.

"Mornin', Milt," said Hay. "I didn't know ye ever went huntin' over here. The boy, who in feud etiquette was a trespasser, met the scrutiny with a level glance.

"I was a-gunnin' for boomers," he said, using the local phrase for red squirrels of the hills. "I reckon I hain't hardly got no license ter go gunnin' on yore land."

Anne Hay sat down on a log and looked up at the boy steadily. At last he said gravely:

"Hunt as much as ye like, Milt, only be heedful not to start no fires."

Milt nodded and turned to go, but the older man called him back.

"I want to have a word with ye, Milt," he said soberly. "I ain't never heard that neither the McBriars nor the Hayves countenanced settlin' fire to dwellin'-houses, have you?"

"I don't know what ye means," responded the boy, and the gaze that passed between them was that of two men who can look direct into any eye.

"I lowed it would astonish ye," went on Anne. "Back of the new school-house that's still full of shavin's an' loose timber there's a little stretch of dry woods that comes right down to the back door. Somebody has done laid a trail of shavin's an' leaves in the brush there an' soaked 'em with coal-oil. Some feller aims to burn down that schoolhouse tonight."

"Did ye tell Miss Holland?" demanded Milt in a voice of deep anxiety.

"No, I ain't named it to her," Bad Anne said with seeming indifference in his face, at which the lad's blood boiled.

"Does ye aim ter set hyar an' let her place get burnt up?" he snapped out wrathfully. "Because if ye does, I don't."

Anne Hay laughed.

"Well, no," he replied; "I didn't aim to do that."

"What I did aim to do, Milt, was this: I aimed to go down there tonight with enough fellers to handle either the fire or whoever starts it. I aimed to see who was doin' a trick like that. Will you go with me?"

"Me?" echoed Milt in astonishment. This idea of the two factions acting in concert was a decided innovation. It might be a trap. Suddenly the boy demanded: "Why don't ye ask pap?"

"I don't ask your pap nothing," in Hay's reply was a quick and true snap that rarely came into his voice. "I'm askin' you, an' you can take my proposition or leave it. That house-burner is goin' to die. If he's one of your people I want to know it. If he's one of your people you ought to feel the same way. Will you go with me?"

The boy considered the proposal for a time in silence. Dawn would be in danger. At last he said gravely:

"Hilt sounds like a fair proposition. I'll go along with ye, an' meantime I'll keep my own counsel."

## CHAPTER XV.

Anne Hay had been looking ahead. When Old Milt McBriar had said "Them Hayves lows that I'll cross hell on a rotten plank ter do me injury" he had shot close to the mark. Bad Anne knew that the quiet-visaged old murder lord could no more free himself from guile and deceit than the rattler can separate itself from the poison which impregnates its fangs and nature.

When he had taken Milt's hand, sealing the truce, he had not been beguiled, but realized that the compact was only strategy and was totally insincere. Yet in Young Milt he saw possibilities. He was accustomed to rely on his own judgment, and he recognized a clean and sterling strain in the younger McBriar.

He hated the breed with a hatred that was flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone, but with an eye of prophecy he foresaw the day when a disrupted mountain community must fall asunder, unless native sons could unite against the conquest of lowland greed.

He could never trust Old Milt, but he hoped that he and Young Milt, who would some day succeed to his father's authority, might stand together in that inevitable crisis.

This idea had for a long time been vaguely taking shape in his mind, and when he met Young Milt in the woods and proposed uniting to save Juanita's school he was laying the cornerstone for that future alliance.

At sunset Young Milt came, and he came without having spoken of his purpose at home. The night was sharp and moonless, with no light save that which came from the coldly glittering stars, and Anne and Young Milt crouched for hours, knee to knee in the dead thickets, keeping watch.

At last they both saw a creeping figure which was only a vague shadow moving among shadows, and they peered with straining eyes and raised rifles. But the shadow fell very still, and since it was only by its movement that they could detect it, they waited in vain.

What hint of being watched was given out no one could say. The woods were quiet, and the two kneeling figures in the laurel made no sound. The other men, waiting at their separated posts, were equally invisible and noiseless, but some intangible premonition had come to the shadow which had loosed itself in the impenetrable blackness and began its retreat with its object unaccomplished.

Young Milt went back to his house in the cold mists of dawn. No shot had been fired, no face recognized, but the Hay and the McBriar both knew that the school had been saved by their joint vigilance.

Some days later the news of that night watch leaked through to Jerry Everson, who bore the tidings to Juanita, and she wrote a note to Anne Hay asking her to come over and let her express her thanks to the person who had brought her the news.

The mail rider brought her a brief reply penned in a hand of copybook care.

I don't take any credit. I only did what any other man would do, and young Milt McBriar did as much as I did. Thank him if you want to. It would only be awkward for me to come over there.

Respectfully, ANNE HAY.

Old Milt McBriar heard of his son's part in the watching of the school and brooded blackly as he gnawed at the stem of his pipe, but he said nothing. The boy had been sent away to college and had had every advantage. Now he had unwittingly but none the less surely, turned his rifle on one of his father's hirelings bent on his father's work, for the oil-soaked kindling had been laid at Old Milt's command.

The thing did not tend to make the leader of the McBriars partial to the innovations from down below.

One day, when Juanita went down to the post office, which nestled unobtrusively behind the single counter of the shack store at the gap, she found a letter directed in a hand which set her heart beating and revived many old memories.

She climbed to the crest, sat down under the poplar, and began to read the letter from the man she had sent away.

He said that he had made a sincere effort to reconcile himself to her decision which exiled him. The effort had failed. He had been to the Mediterranean and the East. His letter concluded:

Can you not find it in your heart to be touched by my only happiness, but peace dwells where you are, and I am coming to you.

Do not forbid me, for I am coming anyway. I am coming because I must; because I love you.

She sat for a long time gazing off at the distance and shivered a little in the bite of the raw air. Then she looked up and saw a figure at her side. It was Bad Anne Hay.

He bowed and stripped off his coat, which, without asking permission, he threw around her shivering shoulders.

"I didn't aim to intrude on ye," he said slowly. "I didn't know ye was up here. Do ye come often?"

"Very often," she answered, folding the letter and putting it back into its envelope. "When I first came to the Widow Everson's I discovered this tree, and it seemed to beckon to me to come up. Look! She rose and pointed off with a gauntleted hand. "I can stand here and see the fortifications of my two enemies. There is your place and there is Milt McBriar's."

She smiled with unconscious archness. "But I'm not going to let you be my enemy any more," she went on. "I've decided that you have got to be my friend, whether you want to be or not—and what I decide upon must be."

Bad Anne Hay stood looking into her eyes with the disconcerting steadiness of gaze that she always found it difficult to sustain, but his only response was a sober "I'm obliged to ye."

Perhaps that letter, with its old reminders had brought back a little of the old self's innocent coquetry. She stood with her gloved hands in the deep pockets of her sweater jacket, with his coat hanging from her shoulder. About her deep-violet eyes and sensitive lips lurked a subtle appeal for friendship—perhaps, though she did not know it—for love.

"I have behaved abominably to you, Mr. Hay," she confessed. "It's natural that you should refuse me forgiveness." For a moment her eyes danced and she looked up, challengingly, into his face. "But it's natural, too, that I should refuse to let you refuse. We are going to be friends. I am going to smash your old feud to splinters and I'm going to beat you, and just the same we are going to be friends."

Again his reply was brief.

"I'm obliged to ye."

"You have been very good to me," she went on, and the note of banter left her voice; "and you refused to let me thank you."

For a moment he was silent, then he replied awkwardly: "I reckon it's pretty easy to be good to you." After that she heard him saying in a very soft voice:

"One of the first things I remember is being fetched up here by mammy when I was a spindlin' little chap. She used to bring me up here and tell me Indian stories. Sometimes my pappy came with us, but mostly it was just mammy."

"Your father was a soldier, wasn't he?" she asked.

"Yes. He was a captain in Morgan's command. When the war ended he came on back here an' relapsed. I reckon I'd oughter be right smart ashamed of that, but somehow I'm too proud of it. He lowed that what was good enough for his folks was good enough for him."

He broke off suddenly and a smile came to his face; a remarkably naive and winning smile, the girl thought. Striking an attitude, he added in a tone of mock seriousness and perfect lowland English, without a trace of

dialect: "I beg your pardon, Miss Holland. I mean that what was sufficient good for his environment appeared adequate to him."

The girl's laughter pealed out in the cool air, and she said with an after-note of surprise: "Why, Mr. Hay, you didn't speak like a mountain man then. I thought I was listening to a 'turner'."

He nodded his head and the smile died from his lips. Into his eyes came the look of steady resolve which was willing to fight for an idea.

"I just did that to show ye that I could. If I wanted to, I reckon I could talk as good English as you. I reckon ye won't hardly hear me do it no more."

"But why?" she inquired in perplexity.

"I reckon it sounds kinder rough an' ignorant to ye, this mountain speech. Well, to me it's music. It's the language of my own people an' my own hills. I loves it. It don't make no difference to me that it's bad grammar

broke from her. "It's teachin' things that's goin' ter make the children ashamed of their cabins an' their folks. It's goin' ter make 'em want things ye can't hardly give 'em."

"Go to any cabin in these hills an' ye'll find the pinch of poverty, but ye won't find shame for that poverty in none of 'em. We ain't got so many virtues here maybe, but we've got a few. We can wear our privations like a uniform that we ain't ashamed of—yes, an' make a kind of virtue out of it."

"I'm not out of sympathy with that," she argued. "I think it's splendid."

"All right," he answered; "but after ye've taught 'em a few things they won't think it's splendid. Ye'll brood discontent an' then ye'll go away, an' all ye'll have done will be to have knocked their one simple virtue down round their ears."

"How many times do I have to tell you I'm not going away?" demanded the girl hotly. "Just watch me."

Again he shook his head, and into his eyes came a look of sudden pain. "I reckon ye'll go," he said. "All good things go. The birds quit when winter comes an' the flowers go."

So, in an impersonal way, they kept up their semblance of a duel and mocked each other.

## CHAPTER XVI.



Young Milt Went Back to His House in the Cold Mists of Dawn.

Birds don't sing so sweet when ye teaches 'em new tunes. To my ears the talk of down below is hard an' unnatural. I don't like the ways nor the speech of the flat countries. I'll have none of it. Besides, I belongs here, an' if I don't talk like they do my people wouldn't trust me. So if ye don't mind, I reckon I'll go on talkin' as I learnt to talk."

She nodded her head. "I see," she said quietly.

"What do ye aim to call this school?" he asked suddenly.

"Why, I thought I'd call it the Holland school," she answered, and when he shook his head and said "Don't do it," she colored.

"I didn't mean to name it for myself, of course," she explained. "I wanted to call it after my grandfather. He always wanted to do something for education here in the Kentucky hills."

"I didn't mean to find no fault with the name of Holland," he told her gravely. "That's as good a name as any. But don't call it a school. Call it a college."

"But," she demurred, "it's not going to be a college. It's just a school."

Again the boy's smile came to his face and seemed to erase ten years from his age. His manner of speech made her feel that they were sharing a secret.

"That don't make any difference," he assured her. "Mountain folks are all mighty proud an' touchy. I shouldn't be astonished if some gray-haired folks came to study the primer. They'll come to college all right, but it wouldn't hardly be dignified to go to school, if you want to get 'em ye must needs call it a college."

The girl looked at him again and said in a soft voice: "You are always teaching me things I ought to know. Thank you."

Juanita stood as he left her and watched him striding down the slope. On his part he went back to his house and found it suddenly dark and cheerless and unsatisfying.

Into the soul of Bad Anne Hay had come a new element, and the prophet which was in him could see a new menace; a necessity for curbing the grip of this new dream which might easily outgrow all his other dreams and bring torture to his heart. Here was a woman of fine fiber and delicate culture in whose eyes he might at best be an interesting barbarian. Between them lay all the impassable barriers that quarantined the tangled coves of the mountains from the valleys of the rich lowlands. Between their lives and viewpoints lay the same irreconcilable differences.

And yet her image was haunting him as he went his way, and in his heart was awakening an ache and a rapture.

On several of her buildings now the hammers were busy shingling the roofs. Her influence grew and spread among the simple folk to whom she was unostentatiously ministering—an influence with which the old order must some day reckon.

Anne Hay set his face against crossing her threshold with much the same resolution that Ulysses stuffed his ears against the siren song—and yet, with remarkable frequency they climbed at the same time from opposite directions and met by the poplar tree on the ridge.

"It's the wrong notion," he told her obstinately, and yet

say to you, can you satisfy your conscience if you vote for any one but our eminent, forceful, talented, versatile, diplomatic, philosophical, courageous candidate?"

Maine Woman in a Snake Nest.

Mrs. Jane Poore of Buxton tells a snake story which is some yarn. She says that while piling over some boards back of her house she discovered a bunch of 33 white eggs, about as large as pigeons' eggs. On breaking one she found that it contained a

small snake. She dispatched all the small snakes immediately, but soon found an adder five feet long, which she also killed. On beginning anew her piling she came to another bunch of eggs, eight in number. As she was finishing them off she heard a hissing noise, and on looking around saw another adder with its mouth open coming at her. It took her a long time to kill this one, as she was in fear of it, but she finally succeeded. The last snake proved to be eight feet long.—Lewiston Journal.

There is not a man in this room or within the reach of my voice tonight who will not realize the responsibility which rests upon him as a patriot, a gentleman, a scholar and a philanthropist and go to the polls on election morning with courage in his heart and cast his free and untrammelled ballot for our magnificent citizen—

There are some here who remember the history-making days of the battle of Bunker Hill—I mean Gettysburg—when this nation's life was in the balance, and, with this in mind, I

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Changed His Grammar. A schoolnaam, reproving a young offender, said: "Now, Tommy, Tommy, you know better than that—you shouldn't say 'Willy done it,' that isn't right."

"Ah, no, of course not," said Tommy, with just resentment; "then Willy lied about it."

Guess. A little girl who made frequent use of the word "guess," was corrected for it and told to say "presume" instead.

A lady friend, noticing the admirable set of the little girl's apron, asked something in regard to the pattern.

"Mamma doesn't cut my dresses and my aprons by pattern," said the small lady. "She just looks at me and presumes."

Criticism Implied. "He doesn't like my croaking," sobbed the three months' bride, a tear on her long lashes. "I just know he doesn't. So, there!"

"What makes you think so?" her mother asked. "Has he said he doesn't like your croaking?"

"N-no-o," stammered the bride. "Nonsense, child, it's just your imagination. I felt there was no basis—"

"There is a basis," the bride insisted tearfully. "I had been cooking the loveliest things for him for about two weeks and then he told me he had decided to become a raw-food fastidist. Bo-hoo-o-o!"—Judge.

HARD TO DROP But Many Drop It.

A young Calif. wife talks about coffee.

"It was hard to drop Mocha and Java and give Postum a trial, but my nerves were so shattered that I was a nervous wreck and of course that means all kinds of ails."

"I did not want to acknowledge coffee caused the trouble for I was very fond of it. At that time a friend came to live with us, and I noticed that after he had been with us a week he would not drink his coffee any more. I asked him the reason. He replied: 'I have not had a headache since I left off drinking coffee, some months ago, till last week, when I began again here at your table. I don't see how anyone can like coffee, anyway, after drinking Postum!'"

"I said nothing, but at once ordered a package of Postum. That was five months ago, and we have drank no coffee since, except on two occasions when we had company, and the result each time was that my husband could not sleep, but lay awake and tossed and talked half the night. We were convinced that coffee caused his suffering, so he returned to Postum, convinced that coffee was an enemy, instead of a friend, and he is troubled no more by insomnia."

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 9

#### Defectives At Home.

While the country in general is considering "what to do with our defectives," it might be well for each community to look into the matter of the defectives at home.

Every community has its own defectives. They flourish in all walks of life, if they are not defective in one thing they are in another, and a toler-

ant and passive spirit on the part of the public only encourages them in their offensive acts.

In most country towns and small cities perhaps the greatest and most destructive offender is the "character assassin."

With such people no woman or girl, regardless of her purity, is immune. When these character assassins get together they pick the women to pieces bit by bit, analyze their "good points" as they would those of a horse, and reveal in the imagination as a warped brain degraded and besmirched with lust.

Nine-tenths of the stories we hear of various women spring from just such sources—stories without a grain of foundation, conceived in a mind of evil and spread by the tongue of infamy.

Let us look to the defectives at

home. They may be few in number, but they are a menace wherever they exist and should be cured with a hand of iron.

### Local News

Subscribe for the Avalanche. Sheafers' self-filling fountain pens. None better, \$1 to \$4. A. M. Lewis. Just to remind you that the time to buy Xmas goods is "now." The place is at Holiday's Bazaar.

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When you step on the other fellow's toe "he ought to have sense enough to keep out of the way." But if he steps on yours he's a clumsy brute.

You will be pleased with the concert that is to be given by the South side schools at the Opera house next Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th. Prices 10 and 20 cents.

Pure candies for Christmas. Gilbert's and Liggett's assorted chocolates and nut chocolates; Johnson's chocolates, Maxine cherries; pure twisted stick candies and many other kinds. A. M. Lewis.

The time is coming when nearly every church will have moving pictures as a feature of the sermons, and it wouldn't be a bad stunt at that. "Illustrated sermons" would look good, sound better, be best, and get the people.

Mr. Conrad Sorenson and Mrs. Angie Dyer, were quietly married at the home of the former Monday evening. Only the immediate relatives of the couple were present. The marriage service was performed by Justice Schumann.

Herman Buege of Chicago, arrived last Monday morning and has charge of the baking department at the Hanson Baking company. Arthur McArthur, who has had charge since its establishment a few weeks ago has secured a better position at a bakery in Pinconning. He will leave some day this week for that city.

A concert will be given by the pupils of the South side school at the Grayling Opera house, next Tuesday evening, Dec. 14. It will consist of parts of the operetta, "The Snuggly man," and folk dances, besides a special three reel film. The proceeds of the concert will be used toward the purchase of a Victrola for the South side school. Come out and see the little ones—they will please you. If you cannot come, buy a ticket to help the cause. Prices 10 and 20 cents.

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A fine new flag pole was raised at the Court yard last Monday. This replaces the old one that was blown down during the late Soldiers' reunion.

J. Atwood Whitaker, M. D., recently of Sioux City, Ia., has opened offices over the Central Drug store, for the practice of medicine and surgery. Himself and family will occupy the Richardson residence, lately occupied by Morris Brooks and family, on Peninsula Avenue.

Thru the efforts of Sheriff Cody and Prosecutor Smith, a place of ill repute, that had been opened at the old chicken farm north of T-Town recently, has been closed. In deference to orders by the sheriff, the proprietors came parading into town about two weeks ago, with their bar room fixtures and inmates and located at the above place. They were informed that if they were not closed by Dec. 1st, that they would be put under arrest. It is stated that the place is now alone except for one man and one woman, whom we suppose are husband and wife.

A false alarm of fire was caused by the crossing of two telephone wires, early Monday morning, the short circuiting setting off the alarm at the pump house.

Mr. Zalsman says that the Park benefit vaudeville that is being rehearsed, preparatory for next week Friday night, is going to be a blinger, and he warns people to be prepared to laugh their heads off. The little one act farce "two for a nickel" will be worth the price alone—local talent that will surprise you will be on the boards. Watch his eyes! Watch his eyes! You will certainly die of disappointment if you miss this, so you might go and die laughing—it's easier. Tickets will be on sale at the Central Drug store next Monday, Dec. 13th.

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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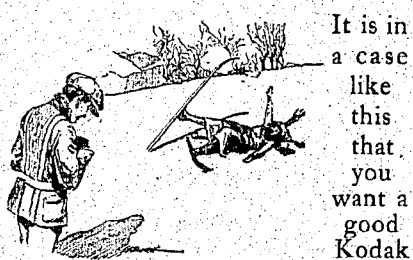
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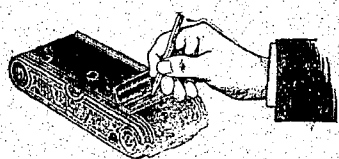
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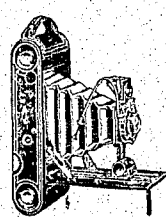
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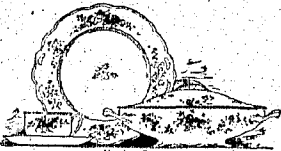
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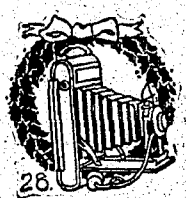
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Beautiful assortment of Handkerchiefs

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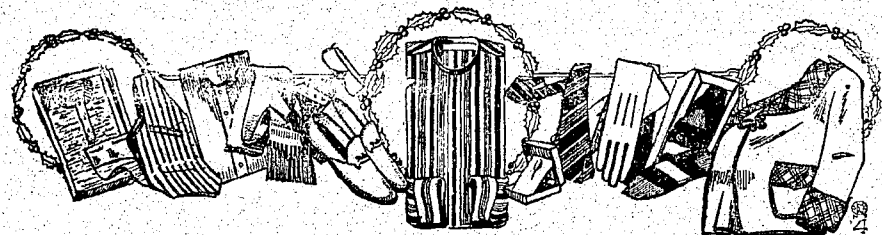
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Don't put off getting your new Suit, Overcoat or Mackinaw. We are sole agents for "Ball Band" Rubbers and McMillan Pants.

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## The Grayling Mercantile Co.

"The Gift Store"

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#### Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 9

#### Local News

Cameras from \$2 to \$25. A. M. Lewis.

Mrs. J. E. Crowley spent a part of last week in Bay City on business.

Get there on time and leave on time, and you may be invited to call again.

Wilford Cohen of Detroit was a guest of Miss Hattie Kraus last Sunday.

Mrs. A. Kidston and little daughter left Monday for Pinconning for a few days visit.

Mrs. A. E. Mason and children were guests of relatives in Bay City a few days last week.

Wouldn't be president, you say? Neither would we, and for the same reason—we couldn't be elected.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent. GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

Taxes are now due and the rolls for the collection of state and county taxes are now at the Bank of Grayling, ready to receive payments.

Have you seen our line of Tinker toys—good for young and old? Have a set of these for Christmas. A. M. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin, Mrs. George Biggs and Mrs. Celia Granger visited Mrs. John Corwin of Roscommon Sunday.

The Junior Aid will meet at the home of Miss Mildred Corwin Saturday afternoon, December 11th, at 2:30 o'clock.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's clothing cleaned, pressed and all kinds of alterations. Also furs remodeled. Next to G. A. R. M. Weingard, Tailor.

Mrs. Elmer Haire returned home Friday last from Bay City, where she was called because of the serious illness of her sister who is at Mercy hospital.

All new goods and prices right. Our motto is Live and let Live. Call and look our stock over before purchasing, it will pay you. Extra fine line of candy for Christmas trade. Holiday's Bazaar.

Stationery, pennants, etc. A. M. Lewis.

George Gardiner returned home last Thursday after several weeks' spent in Detroit and Flint.

Trainmaster Thos. Brisboe is enjoying a few days' vacation from his duties in the M. C. R. R. office.

Mrs. Wm. Brennan and son, Billy returned home Saturday after spending the week in Bay City visiting Mrs. Joseph Letzkus.

The members of the Loyal Order of Moose are planning on having a "Big venison roast" next Monday evening at their club rooms.

First thing we know the neutral countries will be scrapping with each other to see which one can cop off the honors of neutrality.

Mrs. Kate Timm and son, Lewis of Bay City returned to their home last Friday afternoon after spending the week the guests at the home of H. M. Haire.

Age Christianson of Detroit, arrived Saturday morning and expects to remain here. Mr. Christianson resided in Grayling previous to four years ago.

Mrs. John Corwin, of Roscommon returned last Sunday from Rochester hospital, Minnesota, where she underwent a serious operation, and is much improved in health.

Mrs. Matilda Keyes, mother of Mrs. Elmer Brott died at Tekonsha, Tuesday morning. Mrs. Brott had been with her mother for some time and her husband and G. W. Brott left on the evening train.

Standard brands of cigars in regular and Xmas boxes, \$1.00 to \$4.00. Let us help you to select his favorite brand. Also pipes from 25 cents to \$5.00 each; and tobaccos put up in handsome packages. A. M. Lewis.

If every one of our delinquent subscribers would pay up between now and Christmas this town would have a record equaled by no other town in the United States. And who wouldn't cough up a dollar or two for a rep, like that?

Announcements were received by Grayling friends Monday morning of the marriage of Miss Arvilla Laurette Jones to Mr. Charles Albert Trumbull on Sunday, Nov. 7th at Chinook, Montana. Mrs. Trumbull was a former teacher in our schools. Her many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

Local news on four pages.

The Grayling Thursday club was entertained by Miss Hattie Kraus last Thursday evening. Sewing, cards and a delicious chop suey luncheon were enjoyed by the members. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Flora Borchers.

Do not forget the Christmas boxes for the needy. These will be sent out by the members of the Goodfellowship club. A committee will be at the Social club rooms every Wednesday afternoon, ready to receive your donations. If you are to busy to call there, please inform some member of the club and your donations will be called for.

The musical concert given by the Junior Aid girls at the M. E. church last Friday evening was very well attended and was fine. The proceeds of the concert amounted to \$12.00, to be placed in the treasury.

Early Saturday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock, while Frank Peck, deliveryman for DeWaele & Sons grocery was getting into the wagon after making a delivery, the horses became frightened and ran away. They circled one of the Main blocks and in doing so, dashed into a telegraph pole at the corner of Peninsula Ave. and Ionia Street, breaking the rear axle. Mr. Peck was thrown out and is somewhat bruised up but no bones are broken.

#### The Gift Question Solved

In search of ideas for Christmas gifts? Have you seen our stock?

Among our exclusive novelties there are sure to be some things which will smooth out some of the wrinkles in your brow.

We are ready and willing at all times to show you our stock and make suggestions that will aid you.

Do not hesitate to come in for ideas for we will treat you as cordially when you look as when you buy. Come early.

**C. J. HATHAWAY**

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## PRESIDENT'S WORD IS 'TO PREPARE'

Annual Message Pleads for Concentrated and Efficient Action.

### FOR GREATER REGULAR ARMY

Citizen Solidarity Part of His Plan—Problem of Commercial Mobilization Stated—Disloyalty Among Certain Elements in Our National Life Serious Menace to Peace.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Wilson today delivered the following message to congress:

Gentlemen of the Congress: Since I last had the privilege of addressing you on the state of the Union the war of nations on the other side of the sea, which had then only begun to disclose its portentous proportions, has extended its threatening and sinister scope until it has swept within its flame some portion of every quarter of the globe, not excepting our own hemisphere, has altered the whole face of international affairs, and now presents a prospect of reorganization and reconstruction such as statesmen and peoples have never been called upon to attempt before.

We have stood apart, studiously neutral. It was our manifest duty to do so. Not only did we have no part or interest in the policies which seem to have brought the conflict on; it was necessary, if a universal catastrophe was to be avoided, that a limit should be set to the sweep of destructive war, and that some part of the great family of nations should keep the processes of peace alive, if only to prevent collective economic ruin and the breakdown throughout the world of the industries by which its populations are fed and sustained. It was manifestly the duty of the self-governed nations of this hemisphere to redress, if possible, the balance of economic loss and confusion in the other, if they could do nothing more. In the day of readjustment and recuperation, we earnestly hope and believe that they can be of infinite service.

#### American Nations Partners.

In this neutrality, to which they were hidden not only by their separate life and their habitual detachment from the politics of Europe but also by a clear perception of international duty, the states of America have become conscious of a new and more vital community interest and moral partnership in affairs, more clearly conscious of the many common sympathies and interests and duties which bind them stand together.

There was a time in the early days of our own great nation and of the republics fighting their way to independence in Central and South America when the government of the United States looked upon itself as in some sort the guardian of the republics to the south of her as against any encroachments or efforts at political control from the other side of the water; felt it its duty to play the part even without invitation from them; and I think that we can claim that the task was undertaken with a true and disinterested enthusiasm for the freedom of the Americas and the unmoored self-government of her independent peoples. But it was always difficult to maintain a role without offense to the pride of the peoples whose freedom of action we sought to protect, and without provoking serious misconceptions of our motives, and every thoughtful man of affairs must welcome the altered circumstances of the new day in whose light we now stand, when there is no claim of guardianship or thought of wards but, instead, a full and honorable association as of partners between ourselves and our neighbors, in the interest of all America, north and south. Our concern for the independence and prosperity of the states of Central and South America is not altered. We retain unabated the spirit that has inspired us throughout the whole life of our government and which was so frankly put into words by President Monroe. We still mean always to make a common cause of national independence and of political liberty in America.

#### Attitude Toward Mexico.

We have been put to the test in the case of Mexico, and we have stood the test. Whether we have benefited Mexico by the course we have pursued remains to be seen. Her fortunes are in her own hands. But we have at least proved that we will not take advantage of her in her distress and undertake to impose upon her an order and government of our own choosing. We will aid and befriend Mexico, but we will not coerce her; and our course with regard to her ought to be sufficient proof to all America that we seek no political suzerainty or selfish control.

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Out of such thoughts grow all our policies. We regard war merely as a means of asserting the rights of a people against aggression. And we are as fiercely jealous of coercive or dictatorial power within our own nation as of aggression from without. We will not maintain a standing army except for uses which are as necessary in times of peace as in times of war; and we shall always see to it that our military peace establishment is no larger than is actually and continuously needed for the uses of days in which no enemies move against us. But we do believe in a body of free citizens ready and sufficient to take care of themselves and of the governments which they have set up to serve them.

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of other nations in rivalry of their own trade, and are without means to extend our commerce even where the doors are wide open and our goods desired. Such a situation is not to be endured. It is of capital importance not only that the United States should be its own carrier on the seas and enjoy the economic independence which only an adequate merchant marine would give it, but also that the American hemisphere as a whole should enjoy a like independence and self-sufficiency, if it is not to be drawn into the tangle of European affairs. Without such independence the whole question of our political unity and self-determination is very seriously clouded and complicated indeed.

Moreover, we can develop no true or effective American policy without ships of our own—not ships of war, but ships of peace, carrying goods and carrying much more, creating friendship and rendering indispensable services to all interests on this side of the water.

#### Must Provide Ships.

With a view to meeting these pressing necessities of our commerce and availing ourselves at the earliest possible moment of the present unparalleled opportunity of linking the two Americas together in bonds of mutual interest and service, an opportunity which may never return again if we miss it now, proposals will be made to the present congress for the purchase or construction of ships to be owned and directed by the government similar to those made to the last congress, but modified in some essential particulars. I recommend these proposals to you for your prompt acceptance, with the more confidence because every month that has elapsed since the former proposals were made has made the necessity for such action more and more manifestly imperative.

That need was then foreseen; it is now acutely felt and everywhere realized by those for whom trade is waiting but who can find no conveyance for their goods. I am not so much interested in the particulars of the program as I am in taking immediate advantage of the great opportunity which awaits us if we will but act in this emergency.

The plans for the armed forces of the nation which I have outlined, and for the general policy of adequate preparation for mobilization and defense, involve of course very large additional expenditures of money—expenditures which will considerably exceed the estimated revenues of the government. It is made my duty by law, whenever the estimates of expenditure exceed the estimates of revenue, to call the attention of the congress to the fact and suggest any means of meeting the deficiency that it may be wise or possible for me to suggest. I am ready to believe that it would be my duty to do so in any case; and I feel particularly bound to speak of the matter when it appears that the deficiency will arise directly out of the adoption by the congress of measures which I myself urge it to adopt. Allow me, therefore, to speak briefly of the present state of the treasury and of the fiscal problems which the next year will probably disclose.

#### State of the Finances.

On the thirtieth of June last there was an available balance in the general fund of the treasury of \$104,170,105.78. The total estimated receipts for the year 1916, on the assumption that the emergency revenue measure passed by the last congress will not be extended beyond its present limit, the thirty-first of December, 1915, and that the present duty of one cent per pound on sugar will be discontinued after the first of May, 1916, will be \$670,365,500. The balance of June last and these estimated revenues come, therefore, to a grand total of \$774,435,665.78. The total estimated disbursements for the present fiscal year, including \$25,000,000 for the Panama canal, \$12,000,000 for probable deficiency appropriations, and \$50,000 for miscellaneous debt redemptions, will be \$759,891,000; and the balance in the general fund of the treasury will be reduced to \$20,644,665.78. The emergency revenue act, if continued beyond its present time limit, would produce, during the half year then remaining, about \$41,000,000. The duty of one cent per pound on sugar, if continued, would produce during the two months of the fiscal year remaining after the first of May, about \$15,000,000. These two sums, amounting together to \$56,000,000, if added to the revenues of the second half of the fiscal year, would yield the treasury at the end of the year an available balance of \$76,644,665.78.

The additional revenues required to carry out the program of military and naval preparation of which I have spoken, would, as at present estimated,

anything like this before. It never dreamed it possible that men sworn into its own citizenship, men drawn out of great free stocks such as supplied some of the best and strongest elements of that little, but how heroic, nation that in a high day of old staked its very life to free itself from every entanglement that had darkened the fortunes of the older nations and set up a new standard here—that men of such origins and such free choices of allegiance would ever turn in malign reaction against the government and nurtured them and seek to make this proud country once more a hotbed of European passion. A little while ago such a thing would have seemed incredible. Because it was incredible we made no preparation for it. We would have been almost ashamed to prepare for it, as if we were suspicious of ourselves, our own comrades and neighbors. But the ugly and incredible thing has actually come about, and we are without adequate federal laws to deal with it. I urge you to enact such laws at the earliest possible moment and feel that in doing so I am urging you to do nothing less than save the honor and self-respect of the nation. Such creatures of passion, disloyalty, and anarchy must be crushed out. They are not many, but they are infinitely malignant, and the hand of our power should close over them at once. They have formed plots to destroy property, they have entered into conspiracies against the neutrality of the government, they have sought to pry into every confidential transaction of the government in order to serve interests alien to our own. It is possible to deal with these things very effectively. I need not suggest the terms in which they may be dealt with.

#### Are Disgrace to the Nation.

I wish that it could be said that only a few men, misled by mistaken sentiments of allegiance to the government under which they were born, had been guilty of disturbing the self-possession and misrepresenting the temper and principles of the country during these days of terrible war, when it would seem that every man who was truly an American would instinctively make it his duty and his pride to keep the scales of judgment even and prove himself a partisan of no nation but his own. But it cannot. There are some men among us, and many resident abroad who, though born and bred in the United States and calling themselves Americans, have so forgotten themselves and their honor as citizens as to put their passionate sympathy with one or the other side in the great European conflict above their regard for the peace and dignity of the United States. They also preach and practice disloyalty. No laws, I suppose, can reach corruptions of the mind and heart; but I should not speak of others without also speaking of these and expressing the even deeper humiliation and scorn which every self-possessed and thoughtfully patriotic American must feel when he thinks of them and of the discredit they are daily bringing upon us.

While we speak of the preparation of the nation to make sure of her security and her effective power we must not fall into the patent error of supposing that her real strength comes from armaments and mere safeguards of written law.

What is more important is, that the industries and resources of the country should be available and ready for mobilization.

The transportation problem is an exceedingly serious and pressing one in this country. There has from time to time of late been reason to fear that our railroads would not much longer be able to cope with it successfully, as at present equipped and co-ordinated. I suggest that it would be wise to provide for a commission of inquiry to ascertain by a thorough canvass of the whole question whether our laws as at present framed and administered are as serviceable as they might be in the solution of the problem. It is obviously a problem that lies at the very foundation of our efficiency as a people. Such an inquiry ought to draw out every circumstance and opinion worth considering and we need to know all sides of the matter if we mean to do anything in the field of federal legislation.

#### Regulation of Railroads.

No one, I am sure, would wish to take any backward step. The regulation of the railways of the country by federal commission has had admirable results and has fully justified the hopes and expectations of those by whom the policy of regulation was originally proposed. The question is not what should we undo? It is, whether there is anything else we can do that would supply us with effective means, in the very process of regulation, for bettering the conditions under which the railroads are operated and for making them more useful servants of the country as a whole. It seems to me that it might be the part of wisdom, therefore, before further legislation in this field is attempted, to look at the whole problem of co-ordination and efficiency in the full light of a fresh assessment of circumstance and opinion, as a guide to dealing with the several parts of it.

For what we are seeking now, what in my mind is the single thought of this message, is national efficiency and security. We serve a great nation. We should serve it in the spirit of its peculiar genius. It is the genius of common men for self-government, industry, justice, liberty and peace. We should see to it that it lacks no instrument, no facility or vigor of law, to make it sufficient to play its part with energy, safety and assured success. In this we are no partisans but heralds and prophets of a new age.

Making Progress.

"Well, we are getting along pretty well in our plans for defense."

"So?"

"Yes; got an advisory board and a gasoline engine."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Don't Need Any.

Edith—So Jack kissed you the first time he called. Had you given him any encouragement?

Mayme—Encouragement! Say, you evidently don't know Jack.

## CONGRESS OPENS REGULAR SESSION

GREAT BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF PREPAREDNESS.

### VICE-PRESIDENT IS ABSENT

Usual Gist of Bills and Resolutions Face Lawmakers as They Take Up Work of Sixty-Fourth Session

Washington—Congress, assembled and organized Monday for the sixty-fourth session which is expected to be the greatest within the memory of the present generation.

Four hours' work in the house saw Speaker Clark, returned to the chair; Representative Mann, returned to the leadership of the Republican minority; the introduction of about 2,000 bills and resolutions, many of them proposing measures of national defense and many more in opposition; the reappearance of constitutional amendments to enfranchise women, and a miniature rules fight that flickered out with the adoption of last year's rules with a few changes.

In the senate, practically nothing was done except the election of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, as president pro tempore. Vice-President Marshall was absent because of the illness of his wife.

The greatest budget of expenditures ever placed before any American congress in times of peace was brought in from the various branches of the government, the total being some \$170,000,000 more than was for last year. The great part of the proposed increased expenditure is for the enlarged army and navy programs, and aside from working out the problem of national defense it will be the business of congress to raise the revenue to pay for it.

Old timers, most of them Republicans re-elected after going down before the presidential Democratic landslide of 1912, came trooping back to places in the house eager for a part in the absorbing business of the next few months. "Uncle Joe" Cannon sat on a bench in the front row and laughed while the house got into its little row over the rules and his reticence to "Canonism" were hurried back and forth across the dividing aisle.

Every Michigan representative responded to roll call and was sworn in when the house met today save L. C. Cramton, of Lapeer.

### FORD PEACE SHIP SETS SAIL

Great Crowd Assembles to Cheer Mr. Ford on Departure.

New York—Members of the peace exposition organized and financed by Henry Ford to create a conference of representatives of neutral nations in the hope of ending the war, left Hoboken Saturday on board the Scandinavian-American line steamship Oscar II. One hundred and forty names are on the list of Mr. Ford's guests. Of these 83 are peace envoys, 54 newspaper and magazine correspondents and three motion picture men. For their use, Mr. Ford chartered the entire first and second cabins of the steamer.

A great crowd was at the pier when the boat steamed out shortly after 3 o'clock. Many prominent persons were on hand to wish the expedition "God Speed."

### GREAT SHOW IS FINISHED



# CHRISTMAS CAROL

FREDERICK R. MERES

O'er Bethlehem's plain there shone a star  
That guided wise men from afar,  
To see the child in manger lain,  
Immanuel Jesus is his name,  
The Prince of Peace has come to dwell,  
Hosanna Shout! Immanuel.

THE long expected, promised Lord  
Is born today, by Kings adored.  
While to the world God doth proclaim  
He comes, and Counselor is his name,  
The mighty God on earth to dwell,  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

HE comes to man by lowly birth,  
To spread salvation through the earth.  
From everlasting, he's the same,  
Our God and Wonderful his name,  
King David's seed in man to dwell,  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

PEACE on earth, good will to man,  
Sing of free salvation's plan,  
With angels join in the refrain,  
Jesus, God with us, is his name.  
Hallelujah, peace on earth,  
Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.

REJOICE and loud hosannas sing,  
Hosanna to the new-born King,  
Angelic hosts to man proclaim  
Our Father's love, our Savior's name.  
Hallelujah! Peace on earth,  
Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.

## Santa's Secret

I-I've got out of bed, just a minute,  
To tell you-I'll whisper it low-  
The stockings I've hung by the fire  
Are for me-not mamma, you know.  
For mine are so awfully little,  
Dear Santa Claus, don't you see?  
And I want, oh, so many playthings,  
They won't hold enough for me.



So I want you to remember  
And fill these as full as you can.  
Cause I haven't been very naughty,  
And you've been such a nice, kind man.  
I'd like a live doll, if you please, sir,  
That can talk and call me "mamma,"  
Not one that is full of old sawdust,  
As all my other dolls are.



The Christmas Card.  
About a hundred years ago the first Christmas cards were used. These were printed in London and consisted of a visiting card with the words, "A Merry Christmas," printed on it. Later the cards were made with a little scenery on them and a picture of the robin. This bird was used because he is called the English Christmas bird, and also "The Savior's Bird" on account of the old legend regarding its red breast. From this time on the cards became more numerous and of more varied kinds.

Short But Useful,  
The Christmas tree does not live long, but its short life is a useful and beautiful one.

## Holly Scratches

By HARVEY PEAKE

NEVER look a gift in the cost mark.  
All that glitters is not diamonds.  
Mistletoe makes the heart grow fonder.  
The gift deferred maketh the heart sick.  
Belief in Santa Claus is the best policy.  
It is a wise merchant who knows his own goods when they are brought back for exchange.  
To give hideous gifts is human, to forgive impossible.  
Gifts make the man, the want or them the fellow.  
One Christmas bargain makes the whole of womankind spin.  
Christmas bills are stubborn things.  
Santa Claus is not as red as he is painted.  
Buy gifts in haste and repent at leisure.  
Uneasy lies the head that's trying to make twenty dollars buy forty gifts.  
And thereby hangs a stocking.  
Every Christmas tree must stand on its own bottom.  
Gifts are seldom what they seem.



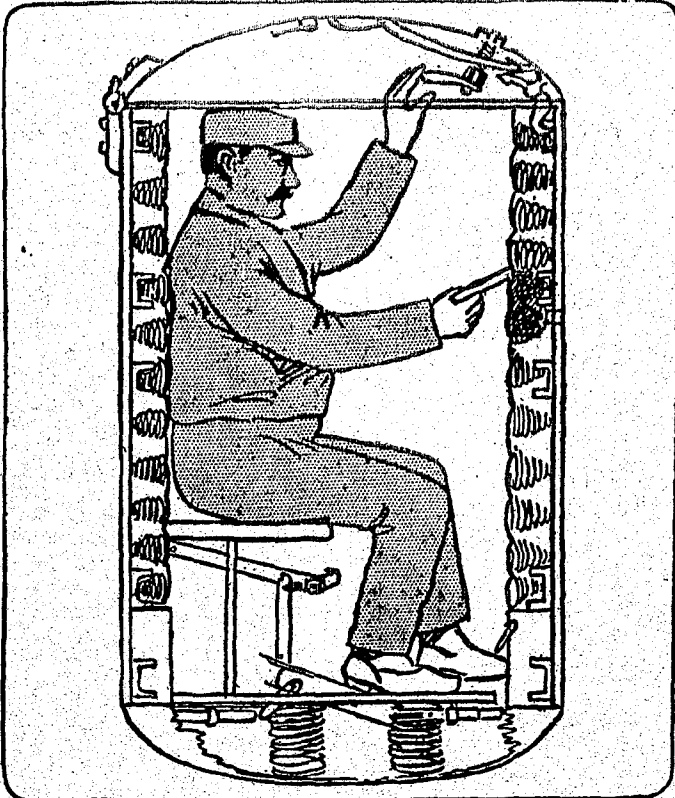
## A CHRISTMAS VISION

On Christmas eve 'mid all the joyous glee  
That in my consciousness surrounded me,  
I happened by some chance to turn mine eye  
Out through a window-wreath that hung near by.  
And as I glanced through it into the night  
I seemed to see, lit by some holy light,  
A childish face with wistful, smiling lips  
That thrilled me to my very finger-tips.  
Two eager hands stretched forth and called,  
As in distress,  
To me to carry help to Helplessness,  
And in the sad eyes of that child I saw  
In all its loveliness the Christmas Law-  
Not a command, no exhorting must,  
Upon Rejoice for its teaching thrust.  
But just a pleading hint to him who runs  
That all who suffer are God's Little Ones!

And then the picture in the wreath was gone,  
And in its place the Eastern Star-beams  
The same that nineteen centuries ago  
Led on the Wise Men with their heavenly glow.  
And as they I wandered through the drifts  
And into lowly places carried gifts  
To cheer, and give release, and pay, my due  
Unto my Lord through them that suffer rue.  
—John Kendrick Bangs, in Scribner's.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, especially on Christmas eve, when a kid discovers his father acting the part of Santa Claus.

## SAFE FROM DANGER



In Case of Injury to Locomotive Crew Can Take Refuge In Armored Cars.

## LATEST SAFETY DEVICE

FOR THE PROTECTION OF ENGINEER AND FIREMAN.

Automatic Mechanism Is the Result of Careful Study—Makes Greater Possibility of Escape in Case of Train Wreck.

"The engineman and fireman stuck to their posts," or the engineman and fireman jumped."  
The account of virtually every railroad wreck contains either one or the other of these statements. The mental struggles, all the more acute for their brevity, which lie behind those statements are overshadowed by the magnitude of what follows. Yet to the engineman and fireman they often are the beginning or the end of all things.  
What man dare say that when confronted with the necessity of making a decision of life and death upon a second's notice he will face death for his responsibilities or that he will throw duty to the winds and think only of saving himself?

The chances are that training and instinct, as well as sense of duty will keep the engine crew at its post, yet many a driver of the "iron horse" has gone to his death by following his instinct, when conditions were such that sticking to his post could not have prevented the accident and when he had a chance to jump and save his life.

Comparatively few engineers ever are called upon to make such snap decisions, but as sure as the sun rises and sets a certain number of them are forced to every year, and no man can say that he will not be next when he takes his engine from the roundhouse. It is a useless sacrifice of two additional lives for the crew to stick to the cab when the accident cannot be avoided. It is likewise a dereliction of duty for the two men to jump when, by sticking to their posts they may avoid, or lessen, the seriousness of the accident.

The problem is worth solving. And it has been solved by William A. Utz, a Ft. Worth inventor.  
The principle involved is that of an automatic bit of mechanism which relieves the engineman and fireman of the responsibility of making the decision. In the event of impending disaster the simple pulling of a lever does everything that the men could do by sticking to their posts, and at the same time automatically and instantaneously without necessitating any further action, even the mowing of a muscle, on their part, provides them with a better and safer method of escape than that of jumping.

Danger appears ahead. Each or either man pulls his lever, and the mechanism closes the throttle, applies the brakes and sand, extinguishes the fire, then reverses the engine. Simultaneously the engineman's and fireman's seats drop below the level of the cab floor, into heavy steel cylinders, heavy lids drop over them and lock, and the two men, neatly "canned" in padded receptacles, are thrown wide of the tracks to either side of the speeding engine.

It makes no difference whether the drums in which the men are tightly incased fall into the water, or whether an engine or a car falls on top of them. In the first case the drums float. In the second they withstand the weight or are pushed aside.

The airbrake drum on a locomotive, experience has shown, is never crushed in a wreck, and the "man drums" are seven times stronger than the air tanks.

Mr. Utz is a practical railroad man, and the value of his invention is apparent when it is known that it is not a mere theory, an invention on paper, but that it has been tried out repeatedly with human occupants under as severe conditions as could be arranged, and each time with perfect success.

Why They Succeed.  
Perhaps you think that a lot of successful men won success because they had nerve, whereas their success probably is due more to good, hard work while they were standing on the street corner arguing politics or religion.—Atchison Globe.

Navigable Subterranean River.  
A subterranean river in the Philippines is navigable by small boats for 2½ miles from its mouth, passing through several large stalactite-hung caverns.

## WITNESS HAD AN ANSWER

And Lawyer Learned Lesson Which He Insists He Will Always Keep in Memory.

A railroad lawyer, who has much to do with human nature, says: "Never cross-question an Irishman from the old sod." And he gave an illustration from his own experience:

A section hand had been killed by an express train and his widow was suing for damages. The main witness swore positively that the locomotive whistle had not been sounded until after the whole train had passed over his departed friend.

"See here, McGinnis," said I, "you admit that the whistle blew?"

"Yis, sor, it blew, sor."

"Now, if that whistle sounded in time to give Michael warning, the fact would be in favor of the company, wouldn't it?"

"Yis, sor, and Mike would be testifying here this day," the jury giggled.

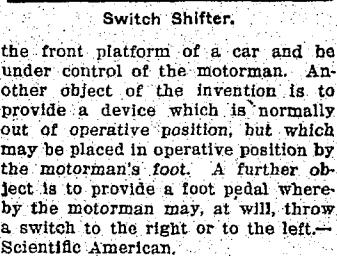
"Very well. Now, what earthly purpose could there be for the engineer to blow his whistle after Mike had been struck?"

"I presume that the whistle was for the next man on the track, sor."

I quit, and the widow got all she asked.

## SWITCH SHIFTER IS NEW

Invention Has Many Points of Value Which Are Clear Even to the Inexperienced.



Switch Shifter.

This invention relates to means for switching street railway cars and the main object is to provide a device which will accomplish this result from the front platform of a car and be under control of the motorman. Another object of the invention is to provide a device which is normally out of operative position, but which may be placed in operative position by the motorman's foot. A further object is to provide a foot pedal whereby the motorman may, at will, throw a switch to the right or to the left.—Scientific American.

Vast Sums Invested.  
It is estimated that the railroads of the United States maintain 85,000 passenger or combination passenger and freight stations, and that fully 80,000 of these are buildings cost \$25,000 or less.

New Idea in Forestry.  
By transplanting young trees upside down, so that the branches developed roots, and the roots leaves, an English railway has produced small shade trees in less time than ordinarily.

Electrical Locomotives Best.  
German railroads have found that the maintenance of electrical locomotives is more economical than operating cars fitted with individual motors.

Safety for Railroad Men.  
Shoes with quickly removable poles and heels have been invented in France for railroad men so that they can escape should their feet be caught in tracks.

Killed on Grade Crossings.  
Grade-crossing accidents cost 108 lives in Pennsylvania in the fiscal year ending July 1.

To the Rescue.  
"Here's an item," said the telegraph editor, "about a New York man giving his wife a \$50,000 dora. That will make every man's wife in America want something of the kind." "Kill the item," directed the proprietor. "What's the use of running a newspaper if you can't occasionally help your fellow men?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

British Capital in Canada.  
Fifty per cent of Canadian fire insurance is by British companies.

## The Common Salvation

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TEXT—The common salvation.—John 3.

Each word of this text is important. Let us think of them, taking the last one first.



1. Salvation.—We have space to mention only three things suggested by this word. Salvation means a saving from a sickness and restoration to health; for sin is a disease. A common biblical symbol of sin is leprosy, an incurable and loathsome disease. There is much similarity between this and sin. For instance; there are many so-called remedies for leprosy but none can be found to really stop its spread. The sinner too has many remedies for his sin but nothing that men can do can arrest its progress. Again, leprosy becomes painful and distressing. Sin acts the same way. Hence we are told that "the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace saith my God to the wicked." Sin begins quietly but ends, like leprosy, with bitter pain and distress. Again, leprosy is fatal to the one afflicted. It might well be called a living death. It is thus with sin. Many are today well and sound of body, but sorely afflicted by sin. As far as their souls are concerned they are in a living death. The difference between the leper and the sinner is that the former gets rid of his trouble at death, but the latter must take his pain and distress with him. But salvation means the saving from sin to perfect health. Man alone can find no cure for his sin but Christ can and has. It is found in his own blood which "cleanseth us from all sin."

In the second place salvation means a saving from punishment; for sin is a crime as well as a disease. Salvation brings to the sinner a full and free pardon for every crime against the law of God; such a pardon that every trace of the evil committed is wiped from the sinner's record. Without such salvation the punishment for each sin must fall upon the sinner. And the punishment of sin is an awful thing; described as being torment and anguish and that eternal. But in this common salvation there is found relief from all the guilt, and pardon for every crime. "Let the sinner forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him and our God for he will abundantly pardon."

In the third place salvation means the saving from death which is the result of the disease and the reward of the crime. It means the exchanging of eternal death for eternal life. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." If any should enquire how this health instead of sickness, this pardon instead of guilt, and this life instead of death can be obtained, the apostle answers, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

2. Common.—The "common" salvation suggests its wideness and means that it is shared by all alike. God is no respecter of persons and when he provided the common salvation he provided it to be shared by all alike. Whether white or black, moral or immoral, learned or illiterate, cultured or vulgar, all share alike in this "common" salvation. Again, this word means that the salvation is a universal thing. It is provided for every member of the human race. This is what the apostle means when he says, "whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." And, the last chapter of the Bible says, "Whoever will, let him take the water of life freely." The common salvation means that which is needed by all, provided for all, brought to all and offered to all, including the reader of these lines.

3. The.—This word speaks of the narrowness as "common" speaks of the wideness. It is not "a" salvation, but "the." It is not provided by man, nor can it be. It is just here that sinners go wrong and think they can cure themselves of the disease and do enough good deeds to counterbalance the evil and so avoid the punishment due to sin. But if we would have the salvation that saves from the disease of sin, and the pardon that covers the crime of sin, we must come to the Lord, with whom salvation is to be found. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." And when the Son came to be the Savior of men "he gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity." He took the sin and all its consequences, the crime and all its punishment, and gives to all who will receive it "the common salvation" in these words believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and he shall be saved.

Fight Oversensitiveness.  
Oversensitiveness is the cause of many a failure. Self-consciousness is a drawn brake on the wheels. Men of ability fall where some bombastic egotist with mediocre talents wins amid the trumpeting of the multitude. It is one of the weaknesses of the flesh that is hardest to overcome. Its mastery is more difficult than the conquest of a city; but prayer and faith and perseverance are the best of allies.

## MICHIGAN THIRD AT POTATO SHOW

WISCONSIN AND NEW YORK ARE AHEAD AT NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

## CARE IN GRADING LACKED

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Commends Boy Who Stayed Up All Night to Save Crop From Frost.

Grand Rapids—In the national potato show in this city Wisconsin was Thursday awarded first prize for state exhibits, New York came second with Michigan third.

Dr. Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, mildly scored Michigan potato growers for their evident lack of care in grading and marketing their product.

"Michigan quality is second to none," he said, "but Michigan is as far behind Wisconsin in the important matters of grading and standardizing potatoes as Oregon is ahead of Michigan in apple grading, packing and shipping. One of my happiest moments was when I shook hands with Howard LaPrant, 14 years old, of Hersey, state champion potato grower. The boy raised 420 bushels on an acre of ground this last season. Practically everybody in his neighborhood lost their crop by an early frost. He remained up all night on that fatal night and kept fires burning around his whole field in order to save his crop. He succeeded."

Thursday the boy's club of Osceola county, 32 in number, came here as the guests of the Grand Rapids & Indiana road and attended the show.

Professor E. C. Lindemann, of M. A. C., chief of boys and girls' club work, told how boys and girls are being made effective in the work of the farm outdoors and indoors.

The convention closed Friday.

## SEES WIFE BURNED TO DEATH

Woman Falls Into Flames When Home is Destroyed Near Alma.

Alma—Powerless to save her, Herman Joss, 65, stood at the edge of the flames which were consuming his aged, invalid wife, Wednesday, and watched her burn to death.

Joss discovered a fire in their home in North Starr township, near Alma, and hurried outside to get water. While he was gone, his wife awoke, and in her fright, fell into the flames. When Joss returned the fire had gained such headway he could come only within 10 feet of her, and he stood praying and weeping as the woman was consumed.

The Joss home was destroyed.

## Grand Jury Wins Damage Suit.

Kalamazoo—Judge Walter North Thursday directed the jury in the circuit court hearing the \$50,000 damage suit instituted by former Prosecutor Milo Bennett against the grand jury which two years ago attacked Bennett in a report to return a verdict of no cause of action.

In making the decision Judge North said there was no way of showing which juror or jurors were responsible for the report, and therefore they could not be held collectively or individually for the damage asked by Bennett.

Estimate On Gymnasium.  
East Lansing—Various hacking and hewing operations conducted by a committee of the state board of agriculture, working with the architect and the contractors, have brought estimates on M. A. C.'s new gymnasium down to \$150,000. As first planned the new structure would have cost \$200,000.

No definite date for the commencement of building operations has been fixed, but the contractors expect to be on the job about the first of the new year.

King Potato will rule in Grand Rapids for three days beginning December 1 when the National Potato association and the Michigan State Potato association will meet in joint conference and will exhibit and lecture, seek means to extend his domain and improve his kind.

## Hopes Women Will Adopt This Habit As Well As Men

Glass of hot water each morning helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Happy, bright, alert—vigorous and vivacious—a good clear skin; a natural, rosy complexion and freedom from illness are assured only by clean, healthy blood. If only every woman and likewise every man could realize the wonders of the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place.

Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nerve wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations, poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds, and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood, while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.

## GLASS OF SALTS IF YOUR KIDNEYS HURT

Get less meat if you feel Backache or have Bladder trouble—Salts fine for Kidneys.

Most forms uric acid which creates and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat must flush the kidneys occasionally. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the acids, waste and poisons, else you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach aches, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The uric acid is cloudy, full of sediment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salt is made sharp of the seed of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive; harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take and feel good, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases.

## LADIES! LOOK YOUNG, DARKEN GRAY HAIR

Use Grandma's Sage Tea and Sulphur Recipe and nobody can tell. Brush it through hair.

Gray hair, however handsome, denotes advancing age. We all know the advantages of a youthful appearance. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray and looks dry, wispy and scraggly, just a few applications of Sage Tea and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundred-fold. Don't stay gray! Look young! Either prepare the tonic at home or get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of "Wyneth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." Thousands of folks recommend this ready-to-use preparation, because it darkens the hair beautifully and removes dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair; besides, no one can possibly tell, as it darkens so naturally and evenly. You moisten a sponge or soft brush with it, drawing this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, its natural color is restored and it becomes thick, glossy and lustrous, and you appear years younger.

## A POSTAL CARD



## TO THE Discriminating PUBLIC

## Hotel Griswold DETROIT

Hereafter every day will be bargain day at The Hotel Griswold. We have reduced the price of rooms from \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, and \$3.00 to \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Our excellent table at popular prices will remain the greatest bargain in Detroit.

In conjunction, The Griswold Drug Store, located in the hotel, will supply your many wants in drugs, sundries, brushes, perfumes, toilet articles, stationery, cigars, sodas, etc., at cut-rate prices.

Sincerely,  
Fred Postel



# The Rush Is On

"Jewelry, the Gift of Gifts"

The people are saying nice things about our jewelry display. We expected they would. Couldn't see how they could very well do anything else. For to tell the truth, we, ourselves are just a little proud of it. Now, what is YOUR opinion? That's the final test.

Whatever you may think, we KNOW this—that we thought and planned and worked with the idea of having our best yet Holiday display this year. The result of our efforts awaits your inspection.

When you call be sure of this:—What we have to show you people comprises the latest thought in Jewelry designing, with special reference to Christmas needs.

And be sure of THIS, too:—Each article is priced to sell at the lowest figure that it can be sold to anybody by anybody. Please read the last sentence again. Because plenty of people think that larger stores can undersell us. But that's a MISTAKE. Please remember and act accordingly.

As we said, the rush is on, but for many people, there's lots of fun in mixing with the crowds, particularly with stocks as interesting as ours to look at. Come expecting to be interested and benefited.

**ANDREW PETERSON**  
Watchmaker and Jeweler

## Local News

Nemesius Nelsen left Tuesday night on a business trip to Detroit.

Lots of people actually believe that their troubles are interesting to others. Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias will have their annual election of officers tonight.

Allen B. Failing attended a Masonic school of instruction at West Branch Tuesday night.

Arrangements have been made for the different teams to practice basketball at the gymnasium.

A beautiful line of perfumes and toilet waters. These make fine presents. A. M. Lewis.

California raisin bread. Fresh Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. 10 cents per loaf. H. Petersen.

The Crawford County Fruit company, of Lovells township, have increased their capital stock from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

Mr. Welcome of the DeWaele & Son grocery was called to Bay City yesterday by the death of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Ryther.

The workmen are putting the finishing touches on the new school building and it looks as the Contractor Lather would be able to hand it over to the school board soon.

Mrs. John Olsen returned the latter part of last week from Davey, Nebraska, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Mogenson and family for several weeks.

Barnard Callahan, of Frederic, has been charged with violating the saloon laws by having his place of business open on Thanksgiving day. He is to appear in justice court Friday for examination.

Victor Salling reports that his new brick store buildings will be ready for occupancy some time this week. One will be occupied by John Hodge and Clyde King as a cafe. There have been a number of applications for the other store but as yet it has not been rented.

A half million of wild trout eggs arrived at the hatchery this afternoon. Christmas calendars, seals, tags, stickers, crepe paper and tissues. A. M. Lewis.

If all defectives were allowed to die at birth what a slump we would have in our census returns!

What has become of the old fashioned woman who boiled a whole ham and sliced it for a week?

A suggestion. Present a friend who is in need of glasses an order for them redeemable at Hathaway's now or after Xmas as desired.

You will have to hurry, hurry for those photographs. Dec. 13th, the last day for these very low prices. Large \$4.00 photographs, 1.98 per dozen. Best grade post cards 75 cents per dozen. One dozen photo's make twelve appropriate Christmas gifts. Close Photo Co. New Studio.

Miss Ethel Stilwell entertained twenty-nine of her schoolmates and friends at her home last Tuesday afternoon after school in honor of her 11th birthday anniversary. Games were enjoyed and refreshments of popcorn, candy, etc. were served during the afternoon. Miss Ethel received many pretty gifts in memory of the occasion.

"The Crying Needs of the Northland" is the caption of an article that will appear in the December 15th edition of the Gleaner and Business Farmer, published in Detroit. The article is too full of good things to allow us to go into details regarding its merits, owing to our special Holiday rush of business. It is worth reading and we recommend it to the citizens of Northeastern Michigan.

Forrest A. Lord, publisher of the Advance in Gaylord, recently joined forces with the Gleaner and Business Farmer, in Detroit, published and edited by Grant Bloem, a veteran country publisher. In the few short weeks that Mr. Lord has been with this firm he has so substantially made good that he now may sign beneath his name, "managing editor." However this is no more than we expected. He'll get the boss's job if he doesn't watch out. Lord still owns the Advance and dictates its policies. Mr. McKinley, as associate editor is in direct charge.

See Hathaway's Watches. The best ever.

Glen Penard of West Branch is the new barber at the Walter Gowell barber shop.

Miss Helen Reagan returned last Monday after several weeks spent in Toledo, Ohio.

There will be election of officers of the Masonic lodge at the next meeting, December 16th.

Fire did some damage to the home of Jens Peter Jensen located north of T-Town, one day last week, burning a hole in the roof.

J. H. Roseberry, of Battle Creek, is in Grayling in the interest of the firm that installed the pumping outfits at the DuPont factory.

Mrs. Fred MacDonald and daughter, Miss Edith of Wolverine arrived last Friday for a several day's visit at the Will Havens home.

Get your tickets early and have them reserved at the Central Drug store for the big vaudeville entertainment at the Opera house Dec. 17th.

Thru the courtesy of Claude Gilson, the members of the K. of P. lodge, enjoyed a fine venison dinner last evening. This was prepared by and served at the McClain hotel. Several interesting talks were given at the banquet by the members. Before the dinner Prof. Ellsworth was initiated into the third rank.

Fine feathers is the program at the Opera house for next Sunday night and comes with indorsement of metropolitan theatre goers. Janet Beecher, as Jane Reynolds, endures much agony for her foolish aspirations for fine feathers and the unmoral means she chooses in order to gratify her inordinate vanity.

A petition, signed by about a dozen tax payers, requesting that the village install a catch basin near the Johnson livery barn and the Cassidy bakery, to carry off the superfluous water in the spring times. This place is low and when the snow melts in the spring is nearly impassable. The water runs over the walk and into the cellar of the property owners in the vicinity and is a general nuisance. No doubt there are many others who would like to have this nuisance remedied.

In speaking of J. L. Lee, who at one time wore a Grayling base ball uniform and is well known here, the Penn Chronicle, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, says: "Penn college is more than glad that a man like J. L. Lee is at the head of their athletics. With such a man in charge, we feel safe, and are sure that our athletics will be well taken care of. Much credit is due a coach who can take a bunch of green men and produce the team that ours is in one season. Hard working, sincere, honest and capable, he has found a warm spot in the heart of every Pennite. We are for you today and always."

D. M. Kneeland, a former well-known Grayling resident, died suddenly at the home of his son, at Phillips, Wis. near Milwaukee, Tuesday night. It was quite a shock to the local friends of Mr. Kneeland for they supposed him to be in good health. Mrs. Kneeland, who was in Boston with their daughter at the time of his death, was in Grayling when Mr. Kneeland was book-keeper for the Salling, Hanson company, and later was manager for the Michelson & Hanson Lumber company at Lewiston. He was very popular and highly esteemed by everybody who knew him, and his sudden demise is sad news to many of our people. News received this morning says that heart disease is supposed to be the cause of his death. He leaves an estate at \$3,000.00.

Mrs. Catherine Sly, age 82 years, 11 months and 7 days passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Herrick yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock, from a lingering illness of several months duration. The deceased was born in Delaware, Lenawee County, Canada. When a young girl she moved with her parents to Huron county, Canada, coming to Michigan about 17 years ago and during that time has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Herrick. Mrs. Sly was a devoted Christian and a member of the Presbyterian church. Rev. A. Mitchell conducted brief services at the home at 12:30 o'clock today and the remains were taken to Vanderbilt this afternoon for burial. The family have the sympathy of many friends in their sad loss.

The Crawford county farmers' institute will open in the Court house tomorrow morning. We published a full program in the issue which President L. B. Merrill says will be carried out in full. H. J. Lurkins, of Paw Paw, and A. M. Bertridge, of Greenville, will assist in the institute work. Among the other speakers will be Ed Forbush, of Maple Forest, who will speak on "The Farmers' Orchard." The women's congress will be held at 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the G. A. R. hall, and be conducted by Mrs. H. S. Noecker, of Cassopolis. The general public is cordially invited to attend these meetings. There will be plenty to interest every one of us. Music will be furnished by children of the schools, under direction of Miss Lennan, teacher of music.

E. A. Jennings of Flint, Mich., Inspector General of the National League of Veterans and Sons, is in town for the purpose of organizing a camp at this place. There is a camp of the Ladies' National League here and they are interested. It is a patriotic order that is in the field for the purpose of perpetuating the work of the G. A. R. When they are gone we see that Memorial Day, and all their patriotic days are properly observed. The objects of the order are indeed worthy and it is hoped that the citizens of Grayling will appreciate the effort that is being made to organize a camp here, and lend their hearty support. Mr. Jennings is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holliday and will be glad to furnish information to any who are interested. If they will call at Mr. Holliday's store.

The Goodfellowship club investigating committee, composed of Mrs. O. N. Insley, Mrs. T. W. Hanson and Mrs. Olaf Michelson find at least twenty needy families in Grayling. Many children are without underclothing, four children were found without any shoes and one baby crept on the floor of an old shack, almost naked. These were supplied at once. Over sixty children will be half fed and half clothed on Christmas Day, unless they receive baskets. Will anyone that can do so, give something, money, food or clothing. A subscription paper in charge of Miss Isabella Case will be sent around this week. The club rooms will be open Wednesday afternoon to receive contributions. A collector will be sent if requested. A very old but very good rule for securing happiness to one's self is to make someone else happy. Try it.

Miss Salome Forbush of Maple Forest is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. A. Wilbur this week.

Order a copy of the big Free Press Christmas edition. More than 150 pages. Carl Doroh, agent. Phone 1112.

The Stroller Male quartette, the third number on the entertainment card, at the Opera house last Tuesday night was much enjoyed by the audience and won hearty applause.

Mrs. Peter Welcome accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Henry J. DeWaele left Sunday night for Bay City in answer to a telegram that her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Ryther was seriously ill.

Word has been received from North Yakima, Washington of the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Grommesch on Wednesday, December 1st. Mrs. Grommesch was formerly Miss Catherine McPeak of this city.

## WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No ad. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

HOUSE WORK—Wanted by young lady. For particulars phone Miss Ida Kline at No. 534.

POCKET BOOK—Left at Lewis' Drug store latter part of November. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. A. M. Lewis.

LOST—32nd degree Masonic charm, between Opera house and my home, Saturday, November 25th. Reward offered. Charles E. Brigham.

WANTED—10,000 ladies and gentlemen to call at our store and purchase their Christmas and New Year post cards. Prices range from 1 cent to 20 cents. Sorenson Bros. 12-2-4f

FOR SALE—Two milk cows and one more in fine condition. About 11 years old, weight about 1400. Geo. Palmer, Frederic, Mich. 12-2-2

FOR SALE—Four houses and lots, centrally located, J. A. Everett's estate. Phone or apply to A. B. Failing, Adm., Grayling. 10-7-3

## Ordinance No. 17.

An ordinance granting permission and authority to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and to its successors and assigns, to construct, own, operate, and maintain a sewer along and under State Street in said Village of Grayling, Michigan.

The Village of Grayling ordains, as follows, to wit:

Section 1. That consent, permission and authority is hereby given, granted and vested in and to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly admitted and authorized to transact business in the State of Michigan, and to its successors and assigns, to construct, own, operate, and maintain a sewer along and under State Street in said Village of Grayling from the South limits and boundary line of said Village, North to the Au Sable River and to discharge the contents of said sewer into the Au Sable River so long as it and its successors and assigns may desire. Said sewer may also be used by the company and tenants of said E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and of its successors and assigns.

Section 2. Whenever and at such time as said E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, its successors and assigns, shall cease to operate its plant adjoining the said Village of Grayling sewer main, shall abandon the same permanently, said sewer shall immediately become and remain forever the property of said Village of Grayling.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the day of its passage.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.  
H. Petersen, Village President.  
T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

## Ordinance No. 18.

An ordinance to amend section 4 of ordinance No. 1 of the village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses."

The Village of Grayling Ordains:

Section 1. That ordinance No. 1 of said Village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. All peddlers and hawkers exercising their calling within the Village of Grayling, except peanut and popcorn vendors who are residents of said Village of Grayling, shall before doing so obtain a license therefor, and shall pay for such license for one week the sum of ten dollars and for less time the sum of two dollars for each day. The same shall apply to all persons selling or offering for sale goods, wares or merchandise, by hand, by cart, by wagon, by vehicle, or otherwise from house to house in said Village or upon the public streets or grounds of said Village. This section shall not apply to residents of the county of Crawford selling domestic fruits, vegetables, dairy farm products, or butchered meat by them raised grown or produced. All residents of the said Village selling or offering for sale popcorn or peanuts on the public streets or grounds of said Village, shall before doing so, obtain a license therefor and shall pay for such license the sum of five dollars per month.

This ordinance shall take effect January 1st, 1916.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.  
H. Petersen, Village President.  
T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

**THE NEW \$100,000 WAYNE MINERAL BATH HOUSE**  
DETROIT (Third and Grand Aves.) MICH.

Completely equipped for giving every approved form of hydrotherapeutic treatment for Rheumatism, Neuritis, Nervous Troubles, Dyspepsia, Constipation, etc. The Sulpho-Saline water is an excellent in the treatment of all the above mentioned ailments.

**WAYNE HOTEL AND GARDENS**  
In connection, delightfully located on river front, adjacent to D. & C. Nev. Co's. Wharf. Collect your trip in Detroit. European plan, \$14.00 per day and up.

I. R. Hayes, Prop. F. H. Hayes, Asst. Mgr.

TRADE AT FRANK'S

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# Xmas and Holiday Suggestions

Appropriate and Practical Gifts for Every Man, Woman and Child.

Last week I said I didn't like to talk. This week I am obliged to talk on a few important things only.

Mothers, I have been a little late in securing some of my many bargains and want you to give me time. As soon as my circulars appear at your door, get busy. Bring your children, I am trying to make this the banner Christmas, so be prepared when the glad tidings are heralded at your door.

A big opportunity to buy your men's and ladies' Fine Shoes, in next week's issue of the Avalanche. Don't miss this as I am going to lower my stock in one week on all fine shoes.

Men's Storm Rubbers, No-Leak and Candee, dull finish, \$1.25, my price

90c

Watch my Special ad on Ladies' and Men's Shoes next week, during Christmas and the holidays.

For next week, Men's Fleece Underwear, my price

38c

Two for 75c

Men's 4-Buckle Arctics 2.50, my price

\$1.98

Men's Heavy Flannel Shirts, blue only, no collar, \$1.50, my price

89c

Men's Wool Sox, black cashmere

15c

Heavy Wool Sox 22c, five pairs for

\$1.00

Men's Heavy Arctics, dull finish or bright finish

98c

# Frank Dreese

The Lemon Colored Store, opp. the jail.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## Ordinance No. 19.

An ordinance relative to the licensing of carriers of passengers for hire and of the vehicle used therefor; to provide for a penalty for violation thereof, and repealing all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances.

The Village of Grayling Ordains: Section 1. No person shall use or offer for use any carriage, sleigh, automobile or other vehicle within the limits of the Village of Grayling for the carriage of passengers for hire without having first obtained a license for such vehicle as provided for in section 2 of this ordinance, and no person shall drive any such vehicle without a license so to do as hereinafter provided. Provided, that this ordinance shall not apply to persons passing through said village with passengers or carrying passengers to said village from points outside thereof.

Section 2. Any person who is a resident of the Village of Grayling may obtain a license for his vehicle to be used in carrying passengers for hire within said village by his paying into the village treasury therefor the sum of three dollars for each of his said vehicles to be so used. Any person who is not a resident of the village of Grayling may obtain a license for his vehicle to be used in carrying passengers for hire in said village by his paying into the village treasury therefor the sum of two dollars for each and every day each of his said vehicles is so used, (meaning thereby two dollars per day per vehicle) and any person above the age of eighteen years, of good moral character may obtain a license as driver upon his executing a bond to said village in the penal sum of one hundred dollars with at least one good and sufficient surety therefor conditioned in substance that the principal shall well and truly keep and obey and observe all ordinances of said village, and all laws of the State of Michigan, which said bond shall also have indorsed thereon a certificate of the village marshal showing in substance that the principal in said bond is believed to be a person of good moral character and a proper person to receive a license as driver of public conveyances, which when so signed and indorsed shall be presented to the village council, and if approved by said village council, the applicant may receive such license by paying therefor the sum of one dollar.

Section 3. All licenses issued by virtue of this ordinance to persons who are residents of the Village of Grayling shall be for one year, and to non-residents for as many days as shall be paid for, unless the same be sooner revoked and annulled as hereinafter provided.

Section 4. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be fined not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail of Crawford county not exceeding ninety days, or both in the discretion of the court, and if the convicted person shall have a license issued by virtue of this ordinance, the village council may, by a majority vote, thereof, revoke and annul the license of such offender, but such revoking or annulling shall not entitle such offender to receive back any portion of the sum paid for such license.

Section 5. All bonds given under the provision of this ordinance shall be for the benefit of persons injured by reason of any violation of this ordinance or by the violation of any of the provisions of said bond, and any person so injured may bring suit on such bond in the name of the Village of Grayling for his, her or their benefit.

Section 6. All other ordinances of said Village of Grayling pertaining to the licensing of vehicles for hire or ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1916.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915.  
H. Petersen, Village President.  
T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

Sheaffers' self-filling fountain pens. None better. \$1 to \$4. A. M. Lewis

## Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.

## Manistee & N. E. R. R. Time Card

In effect Nov. 7, 1915.

Read Down.				Read Up.			
A. M.	P. M.	iv	ar	P. M.	P. M.	iv	ar
8.00	12.25	iv	Grayling	ar	11.50	iv	4.20
9.18	3.02	iv	Resort	iv	11.40	iv	3.23
9.38	3.22	iv	Signa	iv	1.11	iv	3.23
9.56	3.26	iv	Rowley	iv	12.46	iv	2.16
11.40	3.55	iv	Walton	iv	12.20	iv	1.30
11.40	4.31	iv	Buckley	iv	11.03	iv	11.45
11.40	4.46	iv	Glengarry	iv	10.39	iv	---
11.40	5.22	iv	Rvr Brch	iv	---	iv	---
11.40	5.29	iv	Kaleva	iv	9.55	iv	---
11.40	5.38	iv	Chief Lake	iv	9.45	iv	---
11.40	5.46	iv	Norwalk	iv	9.39	iv	---
11.40	6.17	iv	Manistee	iv	9.15	iv	---
A. M.				A. M.			

A. M.	P. M.	iv	ar	P. M.	P. M.	iv	ar
7.35	13.00	iv	Manistee	ar	11.50	iv	16.40
8.21	3.47	iv	Kaleva	iv	11.04	iv	5.52
8.43	4.11	iv	Copemish	iv	10.40	iv	5.30
8.49	4.18	iv	Nessen Cy	iv	10.29	iv	5.19
9.23	4.53	iv	Platte Rvr	iv	9.57	iv	4.53
9.31	5.01	iv	Lake Ann	iv	9.49	iv	4.43
9.53	5.15	iv	Solon	iv	9.33	iv	4.22
9.59	5.21	iv	Fouch	iv	9.21	iv	4.16
10.15	5.35	iv	Traverse C	iv	9.05	iv	4.00
A. M.				A. M.			

† Daily, except Sunday. Local freight trains.

## Sunday Excursion Service

On Main Line Each Sunday.  
Leave Manistee 8:30 a. m. and 5:00 p. m.  
Leave Traverse City 8:30 a. m. and 5:00 p. m.  
Arrive at Traverse City 11:10 a. m. and 7:40 p. m.  
Arrive at Manistee 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

## Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds and croup," says Mrs. Albert Blosser, Lima, Ohio. Many others are of the same opinion. Obtainable everywhere.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN.

34th Judicial Circuit.  
Pursuant to the Constitution and the Statutes of said state in such case made and provided I do hereby fix and appoint the times of holding the several terms of the Circuit Court in the several counties of the 34th Judicial Circuit for the two years commencing January 1st, 1916, as follows:

ARENAC COUNTY — Second Mondays in March, June, September and December.  
CRAWFORD COUNTY — Second Mondays in January, April, July and October.  
GLADWIN COUNTY — First Mondays in March, June, September and December.  
OGEMAW COUNTY — Third Mondays in March, June, September and December.  
OTSEGO COUNTY — Third Mondays in January, April, July and October.  
ROSCOMMON COUNTY — First Mondays in January, April, July and October.

And I do hereby order and direct that no jury be summoned at such term and day of December, 1915.  
Dated this 23rd day of October, A. D. 1915, at West Branch, Mich.  
NELSON SHARPE  
Circuit Judge.

## HUMPHREYS' Witch Hazel Oil

(COMPOUND)  
For Piles or Hemorrhoids, External or Internal, Blind or Bleeding, Itching or Burning. One application brings relief. Two sizes, 25c. and \$1.00, at all druggists or mailed. Send Free Sample of Oil to

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A BIG BOOK on diseases of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Dogs and Poultry, mailed free. Humphreys' Veterinary Medicine, 156 William Street, New York.

## Drs. Insley & Keyport Physicians & Surgeons

Office over Lewis & Co's. Drug Store, 156 William Street, New York.  
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Residence on Peninsula Avenue, opposite G. A. R. Hall.

## Bank of Grayling.

Successor to Crawford County Exchange Bank.  
MARIUS HANSON PROPRIETOR.  
Interest paid on certificates of deposit. Collections promptly attended to. All accommodations extended that are consistent with safe and conservative banking.  
MARIUS HANSON, Cashier.